

REMARKS

Entry of the above amendments and allowance of this application are solicited. Upon entry of the amendments, this application will contain claims 40-46 and 50. New claim 50 has been added to provide an additional dependent claim in the allowed claim set. It introduces no new subject matter.

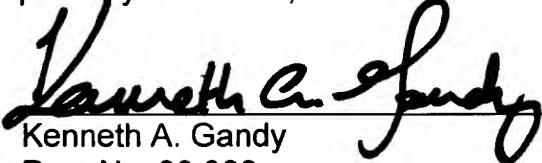
Claims 1-14, 28-35 and 47-49 have been cancelled without prejudice, in order to moot the rejections made in respect thereof. No admission is made that any of these rejections is proper. The claim cancellations are made without prejudice in order to pursue the cancelled claims or similar claims in a continuing patent application.

It is believed that the above-made amendments will remove all rejections of record. In addition, the Office Action indicated that claims 40-46 are allowable. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance as to these claims and as to claim 50 is solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney if there are any questions or other matters that can be readily handled to expedite issuance of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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